

ARMED FORCES DAY

2007



ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON
Saturday, May 19, 2007

Guest Speakers

Major General Bruce Robinson, USAR



Major General Bruce Robinson is the Commander, 98th Division (Institutional Training); he assumed that position in August 2002. General Robinson graduated as an Infantry Officer from the United Military Academy at West Point in June 1970. General Robinson attended the United States Army Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced schools, the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College. In his private life, General Robinson is an Attorney at Law in general practice in South Hill, Virginia. During his active duty career he has served in positions of varying responsibilities at Fort Benning, Georgia, Gelnhausen, Germany, Fort Dix, New Jersey, and as a reserve officer with the 80th Division (Training) in Virginia. Prior to

becoming Commander of the 98th Division General Robinson was Assistant Division Commander of the 80th Division.

Captain Scott J. Ferguson, USCG



Captain Scott J. Ferguson is a 1983 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy; he received his commission the same year. He holds a Masters in Business Administration degree in International Maritime Affairs from Old Dominion University and graduated from the Command & General Staff College.

His initial assignment was as Chief of Port Operations and Chief of Marine Casualty Investigations at marine Safety Office Memphis, TN. Subsequent assignments included at Coast Station at Ponce, Puerto Rico; Seattle, Washington; Juneau, Alaska; Tampa, Florida; Puget Sound, Washington and Buffalo, New York

Captain Ferguson is currently Sector Commander, US Coast Guard Sector Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.

Captain Marc Daigler, USMC

Captain Marc Daigler was born and raised in Buffalo, NY. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2000 with a B.S. in Computer Science and a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Captain Daigler is a Financial Management Officer, and has served as the Finance Officer and the Deputy Comptroller at Marine Corps. Air Station Yuma, Arizona. In addition, Captain Daigler has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with Combat Service Support Groups 11 and 15, performing the duties of a Combat Service Support Operations Center Watch Officer. Captain Daigler is also a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor. Currently, Captain Daigler is the Executive Officer of Recruiting Station Buffalo, NY.

Commander Michael M. Yancey, USN



In July 2006 Commander Yancey assumed command of Navy Operational Support Center Rochester where he actively supports mobilization requirements for assigned Selected Reservists participating in the War on Terror.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, to a Southern Belle and a United States Marine whose distinguished career spanned the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict. After his father's retirement from the Marine Corps his family settled in central New York State. Commander Yancey is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1988; after flight training, he was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1989.

His assignments began in Brunswick, Maine and during his career served in many aviation related capacities; his many duty assignments took him to duty stations at the North Pole, the Straits of Magellan, Sicily, Puerto Rico, Iceland, Sweden, Japan and state-side stations in Florida, Pennsylvania and Maine. Commander Yancey was deployed for duty in Operation Desert Storm.

Commander Yancey's service decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy Achievement Medal, and numerous campaign and unit awards

Armed Forces Day Luncheon Program

Musical Prelude

98th Division (IT) USAR Band, "Rappl's Own", Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric O'Lear, Bandmaster

Sounding of Assembly

Posting of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard

Singing of the National Anthem

SPC Gina Herbst, 98th Division (IT) USAR Band

Invocation

Chaplain (Major) Walter Steenson, USAR

POW/MIA Remembrance

Bruce Dunn, Co-Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

Taps

In Remembrance of our Fallen Men and Women

Amazing Grace

Les Carr of the Rochester Pipers

God Bless America

SPC Gina Herbst, 98th Division (IT) USAR Band

Welcome

Major General Thomas W. Sabo, USA - Retired

Greetings

Honorable Maggie Brooks, County Executive, Monroe County
James Sheppard, Deputy Chief of Rochester Police Department,

Cake Cutting Ceremony

Major General Bruce Robinson, Commander, 98th Division (IT)

Guest Speakers

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Captain Marc Daigler, Executive Officer, Marine Recruiting Station Buffalo
Commander Michael Yancy, Commander, Navy / Marine Corps Reserve Center, Rochester
Captain Scott Ferguson, United States Coast Guard

Closing Remarks

Major General Thomas W. Sabo, USA - Retired

Retiring of the Colors

Multi Service Color Guard

Benediction

Chaplain (Major) Walter Steenson, USAR

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US Army Reserve

98th Division (IT)
7th Brigade, 98th Division (IT)
401st Civil Affairs Battalion
7207th United States Army Medical Support Unit
680th Engineer Company
770th Engineer Company
1061st Reinforcement Training Unit

New York Army National Guard

Troop E, 101st Armored Troop Cavalry
105th Military Police Company
Company A, 2/108th Infantry
Detachment 1 Company A, 2/108th Infantry
Detachment 1 Company B 3/126th Heavy Helicopter
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Company A, 427th Distribution Company
Army Aviation Support Battalion
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Combined Support Maintenance Shop C

US Air Force Reserve

914th Air Lift Wing, Niagara Falls

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107th Air Refueling Wing, Niagara Falls
174th Air Fighter Wing, Syracuse

United States Navy Reserve

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 21 Detachment 1621
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US Marine Corps Reserve

A Company, Anti-Terrorism Battalion, 4th Marine Division

United States Coast Guard

US Coast Guard Station -Rochester

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our Armed Forces past and present
on this, their day.***

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Army Chaplain Corps
37th Infantry Division
145th-148th
Regiments



Guadalcanal
to
Philippines
and the
Liberation
Of the city Manila

Born June 14th, 1910

Died July 17th, 2006

In Remembrance
On duty all his life.

During World War II, the Chaplain Corps served with honor and bravery.

Father Elmer Heindl, a Chaplain who served with the 37th Infantry, the 148th Regiment and 145th Regiment, always forwardly placed in danger with the medics, saving lives, administering faith, care and love. The 37th Infantry campaigned at Guadalcanal, the Solomons, New Georgia and the Philippines.

We fondly remember Elmer, an inspiration to all that knew him.

On this day, May 19th, 2007, Armed Forces Day to this memory and devotion to his fellow comrades.

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Armed Forces Day History

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.



In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "it is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: "Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense".

The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. And it was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.

According to a *New York Times* article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Templehof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battlewagons" of World War II, the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar were exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.